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TITLE : FIBER HAVING BEAUTIFYING ACTION

ABSTRACT : PURPOSE: To obtain the subject fiber containing a colloidal free sulfur dispersed in the central part of single fiber cross-section at a specific amount or above, usable as finished cloth for bath or mopping face and skin and having beautifying effects over a long period.

CONSTITUTION: A cellulose fiber (preferably viscose rayon) is, for example, dipped in a treating liquid, e.g. an aqueous solution of sodium sulfide and then the treating liquid attached to the surface, etc., of the fiber is squeezed out and then decomposed in an acid solution of sulfuric acid, etc., to provide the objective fiber containing 0.2-20wt.% colloidal free sulfur, which is dispersed in the central part of single yarn cross-section at a ratio of  $\geq 70\%$ .

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